

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 14, 2025

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding
Call to Order, 7:00 pm
Ed Tymick, Village Clerk

Board Members Present:

Amy Avakian
Nicole Chen
Alan Fink
Scott Lewis
Philip Nawrocki
James Tyrrell

Michael T. Jurusik, Village Attorney
Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney

Staff Present:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager
Casey Biernacki, Deputy Village Manager
John Mastandona, Director of Finance
Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement
Brian Scott, Director of Fire and EMS
Heather Valone, Director of Community Development
Kelsey Fawell, Senior Planner
Jeff Koza, Director of Engineering
Matt Supert, Director of Municipal Services
Jill Izzo, Deputy Village Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rudolph led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call as noted above.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Bosco expressed gratitude for President and Board of Trustees support for the Memorial Day Parade each year.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

President Rudolph reported on the following reappointments and new appointments for various commissions that will be on April 28, 2025 omnibus for consideration:

Reappointment of Ryan DeProsperis to the Plan Commission for a three-year term;

Reappointment of Tim Holewczynski to the Economic Development Commission for a three-year term;

Reappointment of Mark Mitchell to the Economic Development Commission for a three-year term;

Reappointment of Jordan Myers to the Liquor Control Commission for a three-year term;

New Appointment of Caleb Copeland to the Economic Development Commission for a three-year term; and

New Appointment of Robert Burtker to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Tyrrell reported that the Committee reviewed and recommends an amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement with MGT Impact Solutions to employee Nancy Flores to provide special events and recreation consulting. Trustee Tyrrell indicated that item would be on tonight's agenda for consideration.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Chen reported that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommend a budget amendment for engineering services with HR Green for the Woodland Avenue project.

Trustee Chen introduced Finance Director Mastandona report on the bond sale ordinance for the stormwater system. Director Mastandona reported that due to market volatility the bond sale was postponed on advice of bond counsel. Director Mastandona indicated that they are proposing an ordinance to schedule the bond sale on a day that is not a Board meeting as long as the bond stays under the parameters in the ordinance, which is \$6,000,000 and a 5 ½ % interest rate. Director Mastandona indicated that the project could be approved tonight using reserves in the fund balance and after the bond sale we could

pay back the fund. Attorney Jurusik indicated this would be on the agenda tonight for a vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Nawrocki introduced Director Valone to report on a Major Amendment to the Heritage Crossing development. Director Valone reported that the previously approved design contained a system of culverts and pipes that manage stormwater and required that the water be slowed to meet the Village's stormwater management code. Therefore, the developer's engineers are recommending to increase the size of the bypass culvert which Director Koza described in more detail. Heather Valone said the second change was required by the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOTH), requiring the developer to extend the existing culvert under Wolf Road. Director Koza gave additional information on the required changes.

PUBLIC WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Fink indicated the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends accepting the lowest bid from Performance Construction Engineering for Springdale Drainage Improvement project.

Trustee Fink indicated that at the next meeting he will read the National Public Works Week Proclamation and the National Drinking Water Week Proclamation.

Trustee Fink reported that the 2025 Touch-a-Truck will take place on May 17, 2025.

Trustee Fink indicated the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the lowest bidder, Millennium Contract Company for Phase I construction of the Lead Service Line Replacement project. This bid came in higher than was budgeted and there will be a revised ordinance to borrow the additional funds from the IEPA on tonight's agenda for approval.

Trustee Fink indicated that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the lowest unit-cost bid from Go Painters for the fire hydrant sandblasting and painting to be completed over the next three years.

Trustee Fink reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a bid waiver and contract with Water Resources, Inc. for the remaining water meter installation.

Trustee Fink reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a proposal from Baxter and Woodman to determine whether Well # 1 should be maintained or abandoned and provide maintenance for Wells #3 and #4.

Trustee Fink reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the purchase of 15 Muller fire hydrants from Ziebell Water Service Products.

Trustee Fink reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends approving a contract with the lowest bidder ,Davis Concrete Construction for the Forest Hills Sidewalk Improvements project.

Trustee Fink reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends using V3 for Phase III engineering of the Forest Hills Sidewalk Improvement project.

Trustee Fink reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the approval of the MFT Resolution BLR 09110 which authorizes Motor Fuel Tax funds for the 2025 Asphalt Street Resurfacing and Skip Patching Program. Trustee Fink reported that staff are still reviewing bids for the project and expected to have determined the lowest responsive bidder by the next board meeting.

Trustee Fink reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a revised ordinance authorizing the Village to borrow additional funds to cover the costs of completing the remaining lead service line replacements.

Trustee Fink reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a proposal from Beary Landscaping to complete a seat wall and hardscape at the corner of Burlington Avenue and Grand Avenue.

Trustee Fink reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends an amendment to the professional services agreement with HR Green for design engineering services for Woodland Avenue Reconstruction project. Trustee Fink reported that Woodland Avenue engineering is 90% complete.

PROPERTIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Avakian reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends approval of a contract for the fence replacement between Public Works building and Recreation Center with the lowest bidder, Classic Fence, Inc.

Trustee Avakian reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends the declaration of several vehicles as surplus property.

Trustee Avakian reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends Change Order No.1 to the contract with NPN Flooring for the Grand Avenue Community Center flooring replacement project to cover extra work that was performed.

Trustee Avakian reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends to advance for discussion the right of way sale for 5150 Woodland Avenue.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 25-3257

An Ordinance authorizing the Village of Western Springs, Cook County to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the completion of the replacement of forty-two (42) residential lead services lines within the Village of Western Springs.

Trustee Fink made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Chen.

Voting Aye: Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell

Voting Nay: None.

Ordinance No. 25-3258

An Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2025, of the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the Village's stormwater system to alleviate flooding in the Village, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Trustee Fink made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Chen.

Voting Aye: Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell

Voting Nay: None.

Ordinance No. 25-3259

An Ordinance approving a waiver of certain planned development submission requirements and a major amendment to the Village-approved final plans of the conditional use permit for a planned development issued for the 29-unit Heritage Crossing Townhome Development located at 5600 South Wolf Road property to authorize the use of a revised Stormwater Drainage Plan.

Trustee Nawrocki made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Tyrrell.

Voting Aye: Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Tyrrell

Voting Nay: Nawrocki

Resolution No. 25-2894

A Resolution approving and authorizing an amendment to the employee leasing agreement between the Village of Western Springs and MGT Impact Solutions, LLC to retain the full services of a Part-Time Recreation Consultant.

Trustee Tyrrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Nawrocki.

Voting Aye: Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell

Voting Nay: None.

Resolution No. 25-2895

A Resolution approving the waiver of the competitive bidding process in lieu of purchase from an available, experienced and qualified vendor, and authorizing the approval and execution of a vendor contract dated April 14, 2025 to be entered into with Beary Landscape Services, Inc. of Lockport, Illinois for the completion of hardscape and seat wall improvements at Grand Avenue and Burlington Avenue, and authorizing the expenditure of Downtown South Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$22,373.24 to pay for the work.

Trustee Fink made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Chen.

Voting Aye: Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell

Voting Nay: None.

Resolution No. 25-2897

A Resolution accepting the low bid and authorizing the execution of a construction contract between the Village of Western Springs and low bidder Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC. of Plano, Illinois for the construction of the Springdale Drainage Improvements in Western Springs, Illinois.

Trustee Fink made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Chen.

Voting Aye: Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell

Voting Nay: None.

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Chen)

No report.

Village President Rudolph

President Rudolph thanked everyone who came out and voted on the referendum and the Village staff for all of their work to educate the community.

Village Manager Baer

Manager Baer reported that on May 7, 2025 the Municipal Services Department will be hosting a tour of the water treatment plant. Manager Baer acknowledged and thanked the dedicated staff of the Lyons Township Area Communications Center in recognition of National Telecommunicators Week.

Village Attorney Jurusik

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Tyrrell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee Nawrocki.

Motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Trustees Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell.

Voting Nay: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk